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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Air Section, Operations Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Indonesian Air Force

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1. The following information is furnished in response to the oral request of [REDACTED]

2. The Indonesian Air Force has plenty of aircraft but is having trouble with finding enough pilots and technicians. Another difficulty is the limited airfield capabilities for high performance aircraft. There are 66 airfields and 10 seaplane stations in Indonesia, but only six airfields are capable of supporting jet aircraft. The Soviet Bloc has agreed to supply early warning, GCI, and airfield control equipment, plus many more aircraft. Training of pilots and technicians in Czechoslovakia is continuing, and it has been reported that the Russians are to expand some of Indonesia's airfields.

3. Airfields near Djakarta are as follows:

Kemajoran - base for FRESCOs

Halim Perdanakusuma - base for C-47, IL-14, F-51 and T-6 aircraft

Musein Sastranegara - base for MIG-15 trainers, IL-28 bombers, and Vampire T-55 trainers.

Kalidjati, Cheribon, Margahayu, Semplak, and Tjurug - bases for T-6, L-4J, OTTER, and Cessna 180 aircraft

4. There is believed to be an early warning set, of unknown designation but of Soviet origin, at Kemajoran Airfield.

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4. Aircraft inventory:

	<u>Total A/C</u>	<u>Operational</u>	
MIG-17 (FRESCO)	46	9	Fighter
F-51 (MUSTANG)	8	8	Fighter
LA-11 (FANG)	10		Training
IL-28 (BEAGLE)	20	8	Bomber / trainer
B-26	8		
B-25 (MITCHELL)	20	13	Bomber
TU-2 (BAT)	12	12	Training
IL10 (BEAST)	10		
C-130B	1		VIP
C-47	28	28	Transport
IL-14 (CRATE)	21	12	Transport
47J Bell	2		Helicopter
UH-12B Hiller	2		Helicopter
H-136 Bell	3		Helicopter
MIG-15	20	10	Trainer
Vampire T-55	8	8	Trainer
T-6	64	7	Recon/armed
TS-8	2		
HT-2	1		
OTTER	2	2	Utility
SA-16	8	7	Utility
PBY-5A	6	4	Utility
JRF (GOOSE)	2		Utility
Cessna 180	6	5	Recon
L-4J	52	4	Recon

5. For a search/recon mission in the Djakarta area, a total of 28 - 32 recon and utility type aircraft could be put into the air during an estimated 8 hour alert. After 24 hours, these could be supplemented in larger search areas by an estimated 20 to 30 fighters, bombers, trainers and transports.

6. Data from which this study was made was current as of April 1960, December 1960, and January 1961.

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